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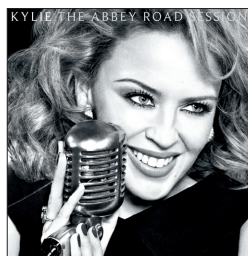
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From the Editor

BY ANDY LIEN

Love. Weddings. Marriage. Commitment. Coming out.

They're all right here: in these pages, on our minds, in our hearts, and on the ballot in Minnesota on November 6.

QUORUM held its 19th Annual National Coming Out Day Luncheon in mid-October. As one of the inspirational speakers, Anna Min spoke to us about how many different communities we can identify as being a part of—it was a powerful speech. Anna asked us to stand when we identified as a member of a particular group; in essence, we were coming out. If I understood it correctly, the goal of the exercise was mostly to prove a point that we are multi-faceted, which we are. Thinking about it more, in coming out, it also shows just how exhausting life can be when we represent ourselves so actively in so many different areas. Personal and private issues are pushed into the public with these actions, such as when we stand up...when we come out.

We are activists, simply by existing.

When I say that we actively represent ourselves, I'm talking about coming out and what coming out means these days. Anna asked us to stand up if we identified as parents, queers, bicyclists, managers, allies...but the list could be endless, really. Especially in this era of self-publishing on the social networking sites like Facebook, we self-identify and come out whenever we "Like" or "Share" a post. Joining a group on Facebook can out us as being GLBT or simply for admiring an idea. Our personal is political. Being multi-faceted is something to acknowledge and celebrate. It also might necessitate a nap.

Think of all of the coming out that's happened since May of 2011 under circumstances that we didn't ask for—that we didn't choose—with verbiage that is confusing and discombobulating. A proposed amendment on the upcoming ballot that limits marriage to being a union between a man and a woman—in a state that already does not allow same-sex marriage—means that we have had a fight on our hands to keep discrimination out of our state Constitution. It's taken time. It's taken money. It's taken energy. The message this community has had to repeatedly and relentlessly send was determined early on in the campaign: "We believe that marriage matters. To all."

We've had to come out. Repeatedly. Again and again.

We've come out as members of the GLBT community. We've come out as allies. We've come out as supporters of marriage, even. We've been forced to be political. We've organized. We've been standing up since May of 2011.

There have been multiple groups that have formed since then... from those that are focused on defeating the amendment this year to those that are fighting a longer battle for marriage equality. All groups have been tireless and welcoming. Our Pride events were covered in blue and orange as Minnesotans United for All Families recorded our intentions, organized us, and mobilized us. This issue has defined many of us. Never before have so many people in the state come out en masse in support of GLBT rights. This is historical. There is no turning back from this movement. There is no "going back in."

Just as we are multifaceted, so have been our methods of coming out, of standing up against this discrimination:

1. Updating our pictures to say we will be VOTING NO.
2. Having conversations about why others should VOTE NO.
3. Writing letters and sharing stories about how VOTING NO affects us.
4. Sharing a VOTE NO image on Facebook.
5. Donning a VOTE NO t-shirt.
6. Wearing a button or pin in support of marriage equality or to VOTE NO in November.
7. Waving a VOTE NO fan at the State Fair.
8. Wearing an orange ring that indicates EQUALITY FOR ALL.
9. Wrapping a vehicle in VOTE NO decals.
10. Going to a house party for people who are VOTING NO.
11. Listening to a concert by musicians who are VOTING NO.
12. Meeting athletes who are VOTING NO.
13. Seeing signs at places of worship stating that people of faith will VOTE NO.
14. Leaving this Wedding Issue on a table at the coffee house, inviting people to VOTE NO.
15. Eating baked goods that say NO.
16. Sharing videos of people explaining why we need to VOTE NO.
17. Going to rallies where we can be with others who will VOTE NO.
18. Putting a VOTE NO bumper sticker on our vehicles.
19. Running or walking in races that have been Big and Gay for VOTING NO.
20. Crawling in Pub Crawls to raise money for VOTING NO.
21. Door knocking for VOTING NO.
22. Calling citizens to have conversations about VOTING NO.
23. Quietly complimenting another person in a VOTE NO shirt.
24. Posting a VOTE NO sign in our yards, hanging them from our trees.
25. Donating money. Donating money. Donating money. Our bank accounts are VOTING NO.

Out, out, out. VOTE NO, NO, NO. See how each of those is in the present tense? We've been coming out and doing all of these things during this campaign...and we'll need to continue after this campaign, just with a different message. On November 7, we'll be looking at a different Minnesota. It might be that we'll have an amendment in the constitution that discriminates against tax-paying Minnesotans. It might be that we'll be rejoicing after defeating this proposed amendment. Either way, we'll need to keep coming out and fighting for what this community deserves: equal rights.

Either way, we will be proud of what has been accomplished since May of 2011.

I want to stand up again. I want to come out and applaud all of you for your daily heroism in being yourselves, however you self-identify. I want to continue to see your weddings that aren't legal here, yet. I am impatient for the time when they will be legal here.

As has been said, it's not a matter of "if," it's a matter of "when."

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A Word In Edgewise: THIN END OF THE WEDGE, YOU SAY?

BY E.B. BOATNER

THE ELECTIONS are a scant five days away; little time is left to discuss the importance of voting NO on the marriage amendment. Consider using that “thin end of the wedge” argument of which the “YES” camp is so fond.

Same-sex marriage, they assert, will be the opening for ever more egregious forms of partners—just as the anti-miscegenation faction asserted until *Loving vs. Virginia* put paid to that in 1968. Today, shrill the Chicken Littles, allowing same-sex marriage is the thin end of the wedge—gays and lesbians will insist on marrying dog, a duck, or Grandma’s set of Limoges china.

Invite your listener to think of a gay friend or a gay couple they know (if they insist they don’t know any, move on; five days isn’t enough), and imagine that friend actually wanting to marry a pet. Do they truly believe that Fred or Sally, as soon as allowed, would scoop up Fluffy or Fang and run to City Hall for a license?

First, you might remind them, same-sex marriage is already not allowed in Minnesota. Second, both parties in any legal Minnesota contract must be able to enter into said contract—no dogs, no Limoges.


From the get-go, therefore, fear mongers have neither a leg to stand on, nor a thin edge to insert. Just hate.

Mix metaphors and suggest the thin end of the wedge is actually on the other foot. If your listener’s religious or secular beliefs are that a significant group of adult Minnesotans are not really full citizens under the law with equal rights, suggest then that the amendment’s passing might well begin a re-examining and re-implementing of other old laws and restrictions that might include them.

Perhaps races shouldn’t intermarry. Perhaps women shouldn’t vote. Silly? Janis Lane, President of the Central Mississippi Tea Party, recently told the Jackson *Free Press*, “Probably the biggest turn we ever made was when the women got the right to vote,” saying women are too “mean, hateful” and “diabolical” to have the vote.

Ask your listener to consider exactly what thin end of which wedge may be inserted by their YES vote?

You’ve done your job. Perhaps made a difference. Come Tuesday, it’s your turn. Get out and vote. Vote NO. Twice. ■



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Against the Amendment: RICHARD CARLBOM

Richard Carlbom is Campaign Manager for Minnesotans United for All Families. He has led the efforts to form and execute one of the largest grassroots campaigns in Minnesota's history. The Vote No efforts over the past year and a half have swept across the state and engaged voters like never before.

LM: Since this issue will be hitting stands on November 1 (five short days before Election Day), what actions should our readers be taking today?

RC: First and foremost, if you have not been to your polling location to Vote No on the marriage amendment, make that your first priority. Even if you are not registered to vote, Minnesota has same-day voter registration, so you can still vote today. Polls are open until 8:00 p.m., so make sure you leave enough time to get to your polling location. Once you have voted, please stop by any Minnesotans United office to help with Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts. We need to make sure all Minnesotans who can vote get to the polls.

LM: For those NO voters who still have time to speak with undecided voters, what message should they deliver?

RC: Focus on having open, honest, and respectful conversations about why you are voting no and why marriage—and who should have the freedom to participate in it—is important to you. Focus those conversations on how gay and lesbian couples want to marry for similar reasons to anyone else, and how no one would want to be told it's il-

legal to marry the person you love. This amendment would single out and exclude some Minnesotans—limiting a basic freedom—just because of who they are, and it would forever deem some people in this state as second-class citizens. Ask them to Vote No on Election Day.

LM: How will today's election impact Minnesota in the future?

RC: We have a chance to make history on November 6—to become the first state to defeat one of these hurtful amendments. If we do beat this amendment, we can verify that Minnesota is a state that cares about doing the right thing, about treating others the way we would want to be treated, and about not using the constitution to limit a basic freedom for some people in our state. This election has sparked a statewide conversation about what marriage means and who has the freedom to participate in it that will continue long past Election Day.

LM: What has been your most memorable experience from working on this campaign?

RC: I have been impressed over and over again by the broad coalition that has come together to defeat this amendment, with nearly 700 coalition members—businesses, communities of faith, and all political parties—all coming together to say that this is the wrong thing to do for our state. There is no doubt that this campaign has united people in Minnesota like never before, and we are united in defeating this hurtful, freedom-limiting amendment. ■



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BY JESSE & ALYSON NEWQUIST

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The combo name was the first to go. Firstly, they all sounded absurd. Secondly, we are both somewhat traditional and didn't want to sever our personal genealogies. My last name went next. Although I never intended to lose my last name, I didn't feel an affinity toward it. It came down to Alyson's last name or the hyphenated last name.

I chose Alyson's last name—Newquist.

I wanted our name to represent us as a family and knew Alyson needed to create new Newquists after losing both her parents in the prior five years. That, combined with the recognition that our marriage would not be legally recognized, weighed heavily on both my decision and my comfort level with said decision. We want to be a family unit, and the reality is that being denied the right to legally marry influenced my decision to legally change my name. I'm not certain that if we could legally marry I would have

made the same decision.

The decision to become a Newquist quickly became the easiest piece of an incredibly long and frustrating process. As I ventured down the path of changing my name, I completely underestimated the amount of time, paperwork, and money it was going to take. In order to change your name, you have to prove that you are not a criminal, which is understandable except for the fact that when your marriage is legal you don't have to prove anything. You just pay \$135 and can change your name and be married.

After you apply for a court date to change your name, you have to compile a list of documents that includes your criminal background histories from each state you have lived in since you turned 18. For me, that was three states: Florida, New York, and Minnesota. To make this obstacle course slightly more complicated, each state has its own absolutely fascinating process. It turns out that in Florida, anyone can request a person's criminal background for a small fee of \$24—no fingerprints needed as long as you have a social security number. New York, on the other hand, was not surprisingly twice the price and twice as strict. I had to email them my address so they could mail me the application along with their own state fingerprint card. I then had to figure out where one goes to get their fingerprints. The police station? After a quick search, I found out the best place to go was the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

(like something out of a neo-futuristic movie or an Ayn Rand novel). Conveniently, I had to go there anyway to get a copy of my criminal history from Minnesota.

Minnesota ended up being the simplest process because everything was digital. I simply put my index finger into a scanner, and in less than two minutes, I had a copy of my criminal background history. I then had to bring two witnesses who had known me for over a year that would vouch for my identity in addition to my multi-state proof that I am not a criminal and my two photo IDs.

After gathering all of my documents and my two witnesses, I went to court. Going to court was positively the most terrifying piece for me. It made me feel like a criminal, and it made me angry that I had to go to a place to literally be judged for wanting the same last name as the person I love.

To make it more intense, I said to Alyson, “I don't know yet what I am going to say when they ask me why I want to change my name.” She responded quickly and emphatically, “Something profound.” No pressure.

As I sat in the empty courtroom waiting for the judge, I couldn't help but feel clammy. Panicky thoughts consumed me. What if he or she says “no?” Can they say “no?” That can't be an option. Can it? Suddenly the door behind the chamber opened. My eyes popped. In walked an attractive, clearly gay man who said, “Okay, I've never done this before so I have to figure this machine out.”



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Wedding Beauty: MAKEUP

BY BRETT DORRIAN

CAMERA-READY MAKEUP VS. BEAUTY MAKEUP VS. TRANSFORMATIVE MAKEUP:
WHAT ARE THEY AND WHERE DO YOU FALL?

Makeup is makeup is makeup, right? Not anymore. Gone are the days of experimenting with your mother's mauve lipstick and relying on old department store freebies to get you through your regimens. Here are the days of accessible personal media makeup artists, ready to be a resource and design your look for your special events, especially your wedding. Or, if your black-tie affair attire is collecting dust, you can simply get a point in the right direction for what you need (and more importantly, demystify things so that you know what you don't need) with a personal makeup lesson. The Twin Cities market for media artists is booming, and there is a plethora of artists to choose from to take a new (and yes, we know, sometimes scary) journey into the world of makeup. First things first: you're not alone.

For private clients (everyday folks that aren't production or media clients), there are three categories of makeup that everyone falls into at one point or another—be it for a photoshoot, special event, or just learn-

ing about a fancier you for your day to day look—and those categories are camera-ready makeup, beauty makeup, and transformative makeup.

Camera-ready makeup is the most necessary, but often most underutilized, makeup application. Camera-ready makeup and hair grooming is simply an application to put your best foot forward. It's makeup that doesn't look like makeup (finally!). Color theory is used to even out the shade (lightness or darkness) in the skin that can be uneven, as well as to balance out the color temperature of the skin (excessive redness, for example) so that you bring the face and neck back to a place of neutral. Think skincare ad (and no, no one just wakes up looking that amazing). Attention can be paid to bring a flush back into the cheek and add warmth all over so that it doesn't just look like a pasty, mundane skin tone. Imperfection is balanced, and the face is then made to look flawless and fresh.

Brows are groomed to take care of any rogue hairs and sparse

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areas may be filled in with color. If the brows are thicker, then product is added to set them in place. Depending on whether or not this application is due to be photographed, further structure can be given to the eyes and cheeks in neutrals in order to give definition. Lips may simply have either chapstick or gloss applied so they don't look dry. Hair is treated with light styling and product to just give it a more finished off, yet still natural, look.

This application is totally appropriate for both men and women. It's the application that makes you still feel like you look natural and like yourself...just the cleaned up version of yourself where the first thing you see is your eyes instead of any flaws in discoloration or structure. You may see it offered as "Men's Grooming" or "Camera-Ready Makeup."

Beauty makeup is the most standard application most people think of when you say the word makeup. Beauty makeup is your foundation, blush, bronzer, luminizer, eye liner, eye shadow, mascara, false lashes, lipstick...I digress. Beauty makeup is the standard makeup for women wanting to go all-out glam for special events, photos, and a night on the town. Beauty makeup often introduces more color in the eyes, cheeks, and lips as well as different finishes, like shimmer, frost, and glitter (in large or small doses based on personal preference). Though camera-ready makeup can dip into using neutral colors, beauty makeup is really where you know there is makeup existing and you can see the color and product.

Transformative makeup is transgendered beauty makeup. The most common request is for a transformation from male to female either for a personal photoshoot (like a headshot, portrait, or boudoir shoot), for a look to attend or perform in an event, or simply for a personal makeup lesson to learn the artistry side of transformation makeup.

Transformative makeup is a lot like beauty makeup, but with more specialized prep and foundation techniques. Most often, a silicone primer is used to further smooth the skin. Brows can either be groomed or blocked out all together using wax (or in a pinch, you can use a glue stick. Yes, that's right—a glue stick.) and then drawn back on in a different shape with a pencil. Further color neutralizing can be done to block out the beard. Essentially, even if you shave, you may still be able to see dark hair under the skin. Doing color correction on that area of the face can take care of that in a jiffy. And if the



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makeup won't stick to the razor burn spots after a fresh shave, simply apply a small amount of liquid bandaid first, and you're good to go.

After taking those prep and foundation adjustments into consideration, the rest of the eyes, lashes, cheeks, and lips shift back to being parallel with beauty makeup. Focus is put simply on the design of things—like a smokey eye vs. a cat eye, nude lips or red lips, etc. Gentle contouring can be done to round out features and pull focus to where you prefer it to be, but at the heart of it, it is about bringing color, texture, hair, and structure back to a place of neutral. And then the sky is the limit.

Makeup has an incredible way of transforming people in general. And it's not just about how your makeup photographs or what others see. It's about how you feel. Makeup is empowering and gives people confidence—because you may see yourself in a way you haven't before or perhaps haven't in a long time. And the focus is on the eyes and the person themselves—not the flaws. ■



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Kimberly wears
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American Swedish Institute: CLASSIC CHARM IN THE BIG CITY

BY KATHLEEN WATSON

When planning a wedding, one of the most important decisions to be made is the location of the celebration. A wedding venue must be able to function on a variety of levels. First, the venue has to be able to comfortably hold the number of invited guests. More importantly, the venue should act to enhance the theme or style of the wedding. But the biggest determining factor for the GLBT community is whether or not the venue is willing to host same-sex ceremonies. Fortunately, Minnesotans can look to the American Swedish Institute as a venue that is practical, beautiful, and supportive for wedding celebrations of all style and sizes, including GLBT celebrations. Without leaving the city, weddings can be transported to timeless venues steeped in culture and tradition.



The Nelson Cultural Center is the newest addition to the American Swedish Institute, adding a modern contrast to the historic Turnblad Mansion.

Located on historical Park Avenue in Minneapolis, the American Swedish Institute (ASI) stands tall and proud with two unique buildings—the Turnblad Mansion and the new Nelson Cultural Center. The ASI is internationally known as the cultural center and museum for Swedish and Nordic cultures, and it is also the perfect place to plan your wedding, especially if your dream wedding includes a fully decorated, ornate, castle-like venue.

The American Swedish Institute was founded in 1929, when Swan J. Turnblad and his family donated the Turnblad mansion (along with the *Svenska Amerikanska Posten* building and the Posten office in downtown) to serve as the cultural center and museum for Swedish culture in the Twin Cities. The mansion was originally the home of Swan, Christina, and Lillian Turn-

blad. As Swedish immigrants in the late 1800s, Swan and Christina came to Minnesota to pursue their dreams. Swan became the owner of *Svenska Amerikanska Posten*, the largest Swedish newspaper in the United States. The Turnblads purchased six lots on 26th and Park, and they began the building process in 1903. In 1909, this resplendent, “French Chateausque” mansion was completed with the design inspired by the family’s frequent visits to Europe.

June 2012 brought the opening of the Nelson Cultural Center, a modern-style building built to be energy efficient and environmentally sustainable. The center houses FIKA cafe, a reception area, an event center, an art gallery, studio craft classrooms, and a beautiful terrace and courtyard. Some green features of the building include a geothermal system

for heating and cooling, two green roofs, efficient lighting practices, sustainable building materials, and native plants. The building is also in review for LEED Gold certification by the United States Green Building Council—yet another reason to love this beautiful building.

No matter what type of ceremony you’re planning, the American Swedish Institute has a space for you. Several spaces are available to rent, depending on the amount of guests and the style you’d like to have for the event. For a more classic wedding (or for those of you who have always dreamed of having a fairytale wedding—castle included), Turnblad Mansion can be rented, including the Grand Hall, the Salon, and the second and third floors of the building for guest tours.

The Larson Hall in the Nelson Cultural Center is



Turnblad Mansion. Photo by Hubert Bonnet



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perfect for receptions and dinners and has space for at least 225 guests. Also, the Courtyard between the two main buildings can be rented out for a spectacular seasonal event. Jennifer Stromberg, ASI's Communications and Marketing Coordinator, notes that "a lot of wedding ceremonies have been held in the courtyard recently." Finally, if you're looking for a smaller event, both buildings have more intimate spaces available.

One great perk to holding an event at the American Swedish Institute is the ability to take advantage of beautiful seasonal and holiday decorations. The decorations for winter are, simply put, awe-inspiring. According to Gegi Carlson, Event Manager at ASI, "The Turnblad Mansion goes all out for the Christmas holidays. Volunteers from each of the five Nordic countries [Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden] decorate one room of the man-

sion according to their country's traditions." These five rooms include traditionally decorated trees and table settings.

Throughout the mansion, traditional Swedish candelabras twinkle in the windows, and garlands with red ribbons grace the space as well. Along with internal decorations, the exterior areas are decorated with pristine lights. Add the charm of a historical building complete with eleven ornate tile stoves, stained glass windows, mahogany carvings, a two-story fireplace, and wool rugs, and you have the timeless and breathtaking wedding venue of your dreams.

The American Swedish Institute enthusiastically hosts same-sex weddings and ceremonies, as well as business meetings, corporate events, and other celebrations. For more information on the American Swedish Institute and facility rentals, visit www.asimn.org. ■

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BY KEANE AMDAHL

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On the surface, this might not sound too sexy, but once you see what the ASI has to offer, you'll know exactly what I mean. It's beautiful. It's spacious. It has scenic views and a gorgeous outdoor courtyard, but most importantly, it has the food. ASI's FIKA (pronounced Fee-ka) is being all but worshiped by local food critics. Surprised by this? They are, too. When they first opened the restaurant, they had initially expected to do somewhere in the realm of 60 covers a day, but instead have been turning closer to 350.

With higher than expected demand, their event services took a little bit longer than they'd anticipated to get going. However, after a recent fête for the King and Queen of Sweden, they have proven that they are ready to treat you and your guests like royalty. Each aspect of your event will be planned to reflect you, as a couple.

If you so choose, guests will be greeted with elegant, passed appetizers like potato bread crisps (with blue cheese emulsion, orange marmalade, and micro chervil), or perhaps some drifting nosh plates with an array of Scandinavian-style cured meats and cheeses. No one knows their way around a cured salmon better than the Swedes.

For a more casual evening, a long table is stacked with an elegant buffet. Choices include traditionally made Swedish meatballs with mushroom cream sauce paired with whipped mashed potatoes, quick pickles, and lingonberry moustarda.

If buffet style isn't your thing, FIKA can also provide a sit-down, coursed-out dinner service. Imagine beautiful plates of cured, smoked, braised, and pressed pork belly seared to order, garnished with lightly wilted spinach, a mushroom conserve, smoked almonds, and adorable little clusters of beach mushrooms dressed with a mustard sauce.

FIKA's dessert offerings include a variety of small, sweet bites. Mini vanilla cakes layered with tart lemon curd are topped with toasted meringue. Chocolate cupcakes are decorated with rich ganache and shimmering gold dust. Round out the assortment with thumbprint cookies.

But enough about the food—let's talk about the important stuff: booze! FIKA has a full liquor license and isn't afraid to use it. The bar staff is fully versed on the craft cocktail movement and is able to mix beautiful drinks for you and your guests to sip.

For more information about planning a ceremony ASI, email Gegi Carlson at gegi@americanswedishinst.org, or if you have further questions about the food, email Brie Roland at brier@americanswedishinst.org. ■

(From top) Dessert tray of candied grapefruit peels, caramel corn, and smoked almond meringue; Fingerling potatoes side dish; Fennel and gold beet soup, garnished with crème fraîche; Pork belly, garnished with spinach, a mushroom conserve, smoked almonds, and mushrooms. Photos by Hubert Bonnet



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Lavender Love KELLY AND DONNA

BY KATHLEEN WATSON

Sometimes love can't wait—and the connection between Kelly Frankenberg and Donna Nguyen was definitely too strong to ignore. One week after meeting the love of her life, Kelly proposed to Donna on a playground bridge late at night. Kelly had one stipulation—that Donna would return the favor and propose to her as well. Donna was willing to comply, and popped the question one week before their wedding date while the two were in the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens in New York City.

The couple met on an online dating site, with both of them looking for the woman of their dreams. Kelly says, "We are each other's ideal type that we had dreamed about but couldn't find." Both share similar future goals, including traveling and adding to their beautiful family that already includes Donna's ten-year-old son, Todd. Most of all, Kelly was drawn to Donna's willingness to share her Vietnamese culture with Kelly, and Donna's wonderful sense of humor. "Even when we fight, she knows how to make me laugh," Kelly adds.

Kelly and Donna were married on May 6, 2012.

Though they planned to have the wedding in Hawaii, Kelly's mother was too ill from chemotherapy treatments to travel. Instead, the couple chose to hold the wedding on Kelly's mother's porch. Not even the gloomy, rainy weather or an officiant who refused to use the word "marriage" could keep these women from having a spectacular wedding they'll remember for a lifetime.

Kelly planned the whole wedding using an Asian theme, including invitations, paper cranes, fans, chopsticks, traditional Vietnamese bridal headwear, and an Asian mango wedding cake. Though Donna joked about Japanese paper cranes not accurately representing her Vietnamese heritage, the blending of traditional Asian elements added to the beauty of this multicultural wedding.

Though the couple has had to deal with some family members being less than supportive, their wedding created a beautiful new family with many adventures in store for the future. Kelly wrote a book about their journey together, entitled *Diary of a Gay Bride*, and now they are looking forward to the next chapters of their life together.



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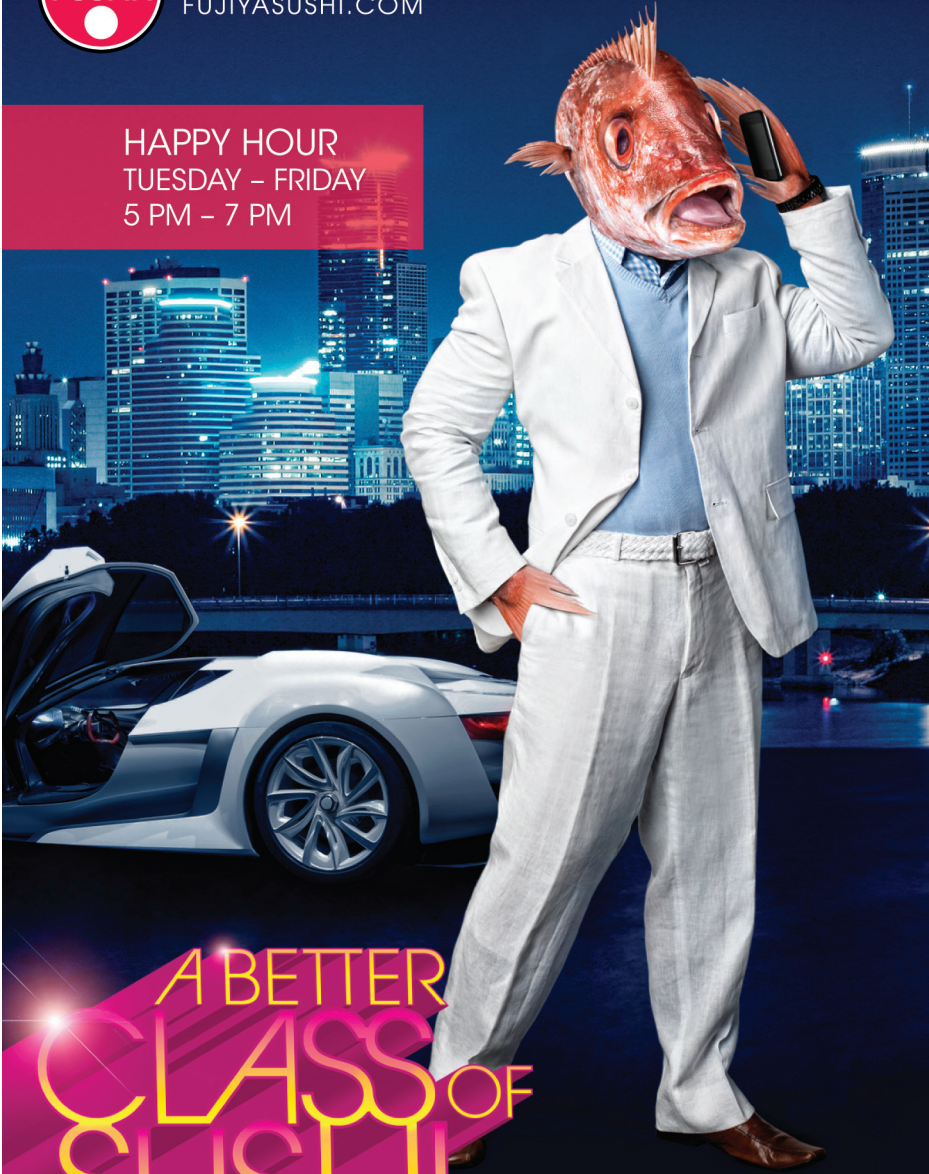


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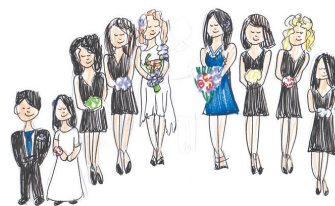


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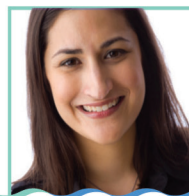
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The nervousness scurried out of my body. Everything was going to be just fine. Thirty minutes later I became a Newquist for the rest of my life—because I sure as hell am not going through that process again. At the same time though, in all seriousness, I really can't imagine having it any other way because I LOVE having the same last name.

Alyson's Perspective on Jesse Changing Her Name:

Due to a combination of female births, traditional marriage, and premature deaths, I am the last Newquist in my family. Until I moved to Minnesota, I thought my last name was unique and only knew of a few other Newquist clans via a narcissistic Google alert a few years back and the angry lady named Ann whose email was one letter off mine for years and clearly felt no last-name allegiance to me when grumpily forwarding my thrice-a-year misdirected emails.

I never imagined changing my name upon marriage for this reason, and I always assumed I would just have two last names if I got married. It often sincerely shocked me when my friends from high school would take their husbands' names—particularly the more boring ones. I always thought that the male partners of my friends from high school, my brother-in-law, and straight dudes in general who put pressure on their wives to change their last names and give up their former identities were being chauvinistic and frankly, a bit Neolithic. I understood the argument to want to have one family name and to be a family unit once children were in the picture, but it seemed like it could be less one-sided. My wife Jesse's decision to take my last name changed how I feel about this. It makes me feel so proud and thankful that she would disrupt her identity in order to be one clan. It also makes me consider how much pride is wrapped up in the norm for a woman to change her name and how little gratitude is shown culturally for women to do this. It is a big effin' deal, and it deserves a bit more respect.

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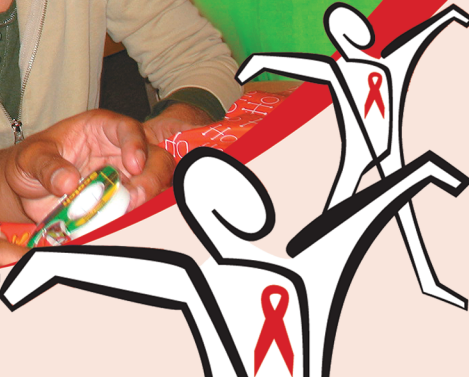
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I'M ONE of, oh, 600 or so people behind the velvet rope at 1 a.m. waiting for admission. A New York nightclub? A premiere in L.A.? Nope. An art opening in, ahem, Winnipeg, on the soon-to-be-frozen tundra. Winnipeg Art Gallery is launching an exhibit called *My Winnipeg*, during the city's all-nighter, Nuit Blanche, showcasing the amusing-to-arresting avant-garde pieces by 13 of the city's leading artists, including a self-crowned Shaman of Queer Theology. (In his sculpted self-portrait, he's wearing a white dress and veil. "Is that an angel?" a kid queried. "No, that's just Michael," replied the mom.)

Across the road, Plug In, a gallery more forward than our Walker (which says a lot) has its own *My Winnipeg* show, along with a performance duo called the Lesbian National Park Rangers, who deliver citations for offenses such as hetero flirting or wearing socks with sandals. When I asked them for a list of GLBT bars, they came up with...zero. "Used to be, but Winnipeg has gone beyond that. Today everybody is welcomed everywhere," including the former mayor, the first gay mayor in the country, said the girls. "If someone were to launch, say, a lesbian ballet company, the larger community would say, 'Super. How can we help?'"

In the meantime, pop over to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet (tours with advance arrangements) to watch Twyla Tharpe—gray hair, black guerrilla wear—prepare the company to debut her *The Princess and the Goblin*. Then check out the Guthrie-esque Royal Manitoba Theatre, preparing its own stage debut of *Gone with the Wind*. Next door, the Winnipeg Symphony performs, and the opera. Come back for the biggest Fringe Festival in the land. Scores of indie art galleries dot the streetscape, punctuated by Mon-dragon, a coffeehouse-cum-bookstore with sections devoted to anarchism and animal rights. Only in Winnipeg. But why?

Blame it on location. Or, more to the point, the lack thereof. The closest big city (that's us) is 700 miles away, so, as these ar-

tists told me, if you want art, it's DIY. And, with community support, these painters, poets, and performers make their living making art, not waiting tables. "Plus, there's no 'cool' factor here; it's very socialistic."

More of the same over in Assiniboine Park, a leafy, 400-acre enclave where man-size topiaries of fiddling frogs wear skirts, while the bronze ladies of sculptor Leo Mol wear nothing. A Polish refugee from Nazi rule, he adopted Winnipeg (and vice-versa), bestowing his classical figures throughout the park. A gallery within the greenery houses the work of a quirkier visionary native, Ivan Eyre, who paints in a phantasmagorical Surrealistic-meets-Expressionism style. Another room is devoted to—what's this?—Winnie the Pooh, a Manitoba bear cub later donated to a London Zoo who inspired the kids' classic.

Quirky artistry even invaded the province's Legislative House. Its architect, a swindler named Simon, offered to work for free after he siphoned off city money. And a grand edifice it was when it opened in 1920. Still is. But Simon got the last laugh. It turns out he was a devout Freemason, and he included myriad symbols of the society's passion for geometry, alchemy, and numerology hiding in plain view all over the darn place. Today, sleuths have cracked the code, a la da Vinci, and offer fascinating Hermetic Code tours that decipher the seemingly-innocent architecture.

Built to broadcast to the world that Winnipeg was the fastest-growing city in the land—"the Chicago of the North"—it resembles a temple on steroids: part Greek, part Egyptian, and part King Solomon. Surreptitiously, it's enhanced with bits of mythic lore. For instance, the iconic Golden Boy statue atop its dome, symbolizing Manitoba's wealth, is actually Hermes. There are sphinxes on the pediment, numerology used indoors (steps constructed in multiples of 13), and on an *Ode to Manitoba* mural, peer closely and you'll spy Jesus carrying his cross. "We'll get into the mind of a dead genius," Don, our guide, promises.

But it's not all live-and-let-live kumbaya.



Provincial capitol building, Winnipeg.
Photo by Carla Waldemar

To call attention to the country's (and the globe's) checkered past and provide guidance for the future, a new national museum devoted to human rights will open in 2014. On a hardhat tour of its futuristic home, we learn how the story of ugly behavior, from treatment of Canada's aboriginals to holocaust and genocide elsewhere, will be explored, culminating in a sky-high Tower of Hope.

An immediate ray of hope glimmers from a University of Winnipeg program initiated by Chef Ben Kramer, who put behind his fine-dining career to help rejuvenate the U's sketchy neighborhood, populated by more than its share of single moms, homeless, and kids under society's radar.

First off, the U opened its gym to the gangsters-in-training, a big hit. Then, its student dining program was reinvented to include whoever wanted to drop in, as we did, to savor healthy, interesting, and low-low-cost meals in its cafeteria—everyone from business folk on lunch break to impecunious seniors and those single moms with kids in tow—hiring and training many of them as its workforce. And we're not talking sloppy joes and hot dish; we tasted a high-style stew involving house-made chicken sausage tossed with chanterelles, then topped with a soft-boiled egg. The kitchen not only operates ethically and healthfully but in the black, thanks in part to its in-demand catering arm.

So Chef Ben is just another quirky ➔

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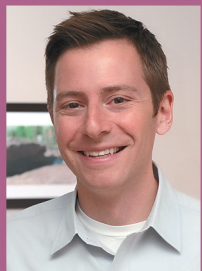
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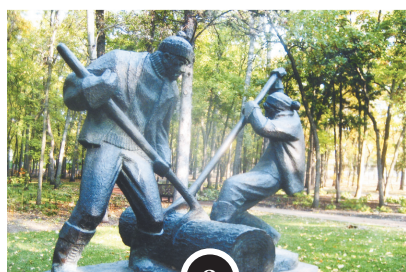
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riage. It is an outward representation of one-ness to the world, which for a non-legally married couple, means the world to me. And seeing as I would not have felt comfortable changing my last name, I am so grateful to Jesse for making this decision and going through the lengthy process of changing her name. It's also fascinating to watch people's reactions to our decision, particularly within the queer and queer-friendly community. Sometimes the straight community is so much more accepting of things like marriage, wedding norms, and taking each other's names, because they are used to it. In the gay community, so much is tied up in gender identity and roles, particularly in the lesbian community. My wife is far more masculine than I am, and she took the last name of a dress-wearer who is never without heels and lipstick. It makes me so happy to be married to such an unselfish person who is willing to change her last name and then volunteer to be the baby carrier in the family so we can make even more Newquists.

As a wedding planner, I am around marriage constantly. My clients are (for the most part) super progressive individuals who believe in marriage equality on the macro and micro level, both in society and within their own marriages. My last couple, a lovely couple named Chelsea and Zac, even read from the MA Supreme Court case that legalized same-sex marriage in that state during their ceremony. They then took each other's names. I had been wondering for some time if a male marrying a female was allowed to legally change his name on a marriage certificate, and Zac informed me that all he had to do was fill it out. It cost us upwards of \$500, a morning of missed work going to court, and multiple background checks for Jesse to change her name to mine. This is just another one of the very real economic costs and inequalities stemming from the lack of marriage parity at the state and federal level. I am glad to have this story to tell and share with others, though, as a concrete example of why we must keep getting married and changing our names (or not changing them) and making ourselves visible as married couples. □



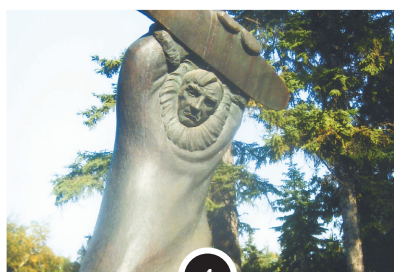
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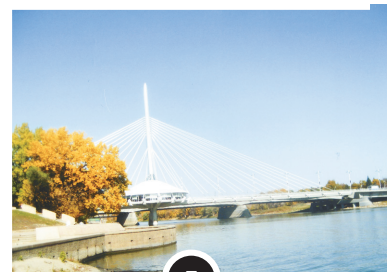
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artist. He also runs Elements, a nearby restaurant that leads the city's culinary pack. Another locovore's hot spot is the new Deer + Almond, showcasing a stellar list of small plates like a spicy pork-belly flatbread populated with pickled turnips, peanuts, and fresh chilies, or its twist on burgers, loaded with cambazola, jalapenos, and maple Dijon.

Back in Assiniboine Park, the greenhouse setting of Terrace Fifty-Five thinks local, too, with roasted duck in sour-cherry relish; lamb shanks with citrus gremolata; and Northern pike atop chorizo-laced spaetzle. Then, sink your sweet tooth into a sweet-potato cake in cranberry-ginger compote and hazelnut praline.

Or, slither over to Peasant, another sea-

sonal/regional believer, for poutine with bacon gravy and local cheese curds; beet salad with goat cheese mousse and caramelized honey vinaigrette; or the chef's take on tourtiere—a fancy name for a husky meat pie, today filled with pork and mushrooms.

Deadfish, another newbie, melds Indian and Islands fare via jerk salmon with mango salsa; mussels in curried avocado cream; and mango salad with its dangerously spicy lime-chili vinaigrette. Stella's stars at breakfast with its smoked salmon Benedict and lunchtime's fish tacos with curry aioli, as forward as the room's design (and crowd). Rudy's Eat + Drink is a wink-wink-nod to Mad Men days: dark, sexy

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Talk about prime real estate: ever since Viking times, folks have flocked to Halifax, charmed out of their skins by its perfect harbor—a deep, 11-mile basin guarding the Atlantic. The Scots named the province Nova Scotia, even though they didn't stick around. Next came the French, only to be exiled from Acadia by the Brits, who founded the city in 1749. Some of our own Founding Fathers coveted the territory as our 14th colony, too. (That's what the War of 1812 was all about.)

Today, tourists like me bounce over the border, lured by that ultra-gorgeous waterfront, filled with sailboats, fishing vessels, cruise liners, and a baby seal who blinked at me from below the curvy boardwalk that serves as the town's front porch.

Joggers pad past bright banks of flowers, the kids' playground, the sprawling Adirondack chairs, the piers where tall ships hoist their sails, and the open-air cafés. Marine artifacts make themselves at home in courtyards: anchors big as minivans, ropes coiled like giant cobras, even a pillory to chastise miscreants.

But nobody actually misbehaves here. I asked my taxi driver what he liked about his hometown, and he didn't need to pause for thought: "the friendly people."

It's a love affair with the ocean.

The harbor's Marine Museum tells the backstory, from the first fishing boats to war-time torpedo carriers to the cargo of TNT that exploded in the harbor in 1912, leaving Halifax looking like a tornado had rampaged it. The story's a happier one at Pier 21, now the Immigration Museum, where Europe's political and economic refugees first caught sight of their new land.

Then clamber up the looming hill above the harbor to explore the Citadel—a daunting defense fortress engineered by British Admiral Cornwallis the moment (well, almost) his ships set anchor. Today, it's manned by manly Scottish Highlanders in full regalia—bushy hats, red coats, kilts—who pose for photos at the changing of the

guard, play wheezing bagpipes, and fire off the cannon as tour groups obligingly squeal.

Down below stands modest St. Paul's Church, the city's oldest building, and not far off, the Old Burying Ground where Cornwallis's sailors, and others, found their rest. Young Scot Alexander Keith made the voyage a bit later, eager to serve his fellow Britons, too. No, he didn't pick up a musket; he opened a brewery. Today, it's yours to tour in the company of costumed interpreters who explain the process and, more importantly, pour you a pint (which is probably why you signed on in the first place).

While the boys were drinking, their women were painting—at least, the talented among them, who now have a room devoted to their work in the city's splendid Art Gallery. So do the aboriginals of the First Nations, along with Nova Scotia's quirky outliers who carved their captivating folk art. Upcoming artists demonstrate that quirkiness has not diminished with works such as a Dream Catcher bra and a life-size grizzly composed of red roses. But the star is the province's beloved elflike lady, Maud Lewis, the Grandma Moses of her day. Her tiny cottage, transplanted here, is a painted fantasy: tulips on the windowpanes; a front door fluttering with birds; and flowers adorning the oven, the baking pans, and the lamps.

But my very favorite artform isn't contained in a museum; it resides in the kitchen. Lobster. "We're a bit fanatical about it here," declared tour guide John Thomas. No need to twist my arm. I devoured this king of crustaceans three times daily, starting with Lobster Bennie at the super-gracious Radisson Hotel. Then there's Halifax's version of fusion food, lobster poutine (French fries swimming in gravy and cheese curds and, here, sweet lobster meat).

Lunch involved a hunt for the premier lobster roll—for Halifax what the cheese steak is to Philly. They're on every menu, from the harbor's seafood stands to the



1. Lutheran Church in historic Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.
Photo by Carla Waldemar

Economy Shoe Shop, a café where the décor (Gaudi-meets-Dorothy) is almost as good as the sandwich. They're found at the airport, they're on McDonald's menu, and they're at their best at the city's Seaport Market that showcases all things good to eat from Nova Scotia: blueberries and apples to cheese, sausages, and beyond.

But one cannot live by lobster roll alone. Thus, dinners became bacchanals of lobster-topped gnocchi and lobster-crusted haddock at Chive, a locovore's haven with cozy, cabin-like décor and a menu that extends to a yummy pairing of sea trout and Diver scallops followed by maple crème brûlée. Then there's lobster-topped spaetzle at Le Caveau. The lobster fettucini at Saeger, a cosmo, urban bistro that also salutes uber-local fare, including those ultra-sweet Diver scallops. Fid, the leader in locally-sourced comestibles, brings lobster poutine up-market, along with Sober Island oysters, Atlantic swordfish, halibut, tuna, and caramelized scallops (okay, local beef, too, braised in espresso). Here, I widened my mantra to indulge in a superior dish of smoked haddock, followed by panna cotta topped with local blueberries, so intensely sweet they put our puny white cartons to shame.

Finally, the Full Monty. Yes, I ordered a whole lobster with the usual trimmings at McKendricks, a former firehouse now saluting seafood, where Tom Sellick is often spotted in his lobster bib. Delish! But even ➔

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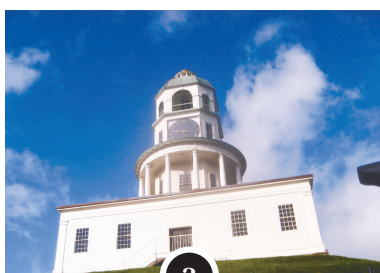
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better, my last hurrah at the Five Fisherman, a resto housed in what was once a schoolhouse where Anna—the Anna of *King and I* fame—once presided. I wrestled the critter into submission, along with the warm potato salad at its side. Meals start with a mussel bar, which is a decadent dining hazard, because I lost count after three dozen.

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town’s gossips monitored the street.

The Lutheran church boasts a lipstick-red portal, while its Presbyterian counterpart hoists a statue of a cod atop its steeple. The town’s Temperance Hall now serves as a B&B. Its postcard-pretty harbor is home to a Fisheries Museum, but of more vital import is the fact that its second floor hosts The Fish Factory, home of a superior lobster roll and lobster wrap and lobster chowder....well, you get the idea.

On the return loop of this six-hour Gray Line tour, we stop in Mahone Bay, another charmer in the top-town contest, whose tidy clapboard houses now host a dangerous number of alluring shops selling handmade quilts, antiques, jewelry, even pumpkin muffins.

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Fully three-quarters of Nova Scotia is carpeted in gorgeous forests, but some of the remaining land is planted in grapevines, fostering a new and growing industry—16 wineries to date. Go North Tours visits three diverse examples: a chance to see and sip the juices of the tide-warmed land.

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